

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in this application.

Claim 5 was objected to for depending from itself. Claim 5 has been amended to depend from Claim 4.

Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Peng (Pub. No.: US 2002/0197965) in view of Curtis et al. (U.S. Patent No.: 6,594,472).

Applicants acknowledge and thank the Examiner for recognizing the allowable subject matter of Claims 6 and 7.

The Examiner contends that Peng teaches a replaceable sliding cover for a folder-type phone having all the elements of Claims 1-5, except for a locking unit, which is allegedly taught by Curtis.

Peng teaches a front and rear cover for a folder-type phone that is installed by linearly pressing the covers over the front and rear parts of a phone (see Figs 3 and 7). Furthermore, Curtis teaches replaceable covers for a bar type phone that uses a plurality of lugs 37, 38, and 40, that engage with lugs 35, channels 31, and apertures 34, respectively, to fix the covers to the phone (see col. 4, line 53 – col. 5, line 5).

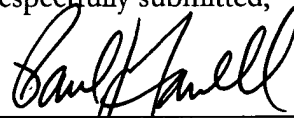
Neither Peng nor Curtis teach a slot formed around the periphery of the folder (or the main body) for engaging at least one raised edge formed on the replaceable cover to allow the replaceable cover to slide onto and off from the folder, as claimed in Claim 1.

Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 1 is allowable and further, respectfully request that its rejection is overcome and should be withdrawn.

As Claims 2-5 depend from and include all the limitations of Claim 1, it is further submitted that they are allowable based on their dependency.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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